

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 843

Supporting the goals and ideals of Toastmasters International and celebrating its 85th anniversary.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 15, 2009

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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# RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of Toastmasters International and celebrating its 85th anniversary.

Whereas Toastmasters International, a nonprofit organization, has helped its members improve their public speaking and leadership skills since 1924;

Whereas the ability to speak in a clear and effective manner is a powerful and important skill that can help individuals overcome barriers in virtually every endeavor and line of work;

Whereas by assisting its members in the development of essential public speaking skills, Toastmasters International performs a valuable service;

Whereas over the course of the past 85 years, from its founding in 1924 when it began as a small gathering in a

YMCA basement through the present when its ranks have grown to approximately 252,000 members, the story of Toastmasters International has been one of dramatic growth and success;

Whereas members of Toastmasters International have formed over 11,500 clubs that meet in 106 countries worldwide; and

Whereas this remarkable expansion in clubs is a direct result of the enhanced knowledge and years of experience that Toastmasters International offers to its members: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2               (1) supports the goals and ideals of Toast-
- 3       masters International and celebrates its 85th anni-
- 4       versary; and
- 5               (2) encourages individuals throughout the
- 6       United States to improve their public speaking and
- 7       leadership skills.

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